

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 3 and 4 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 have been canceled. Claims 3-7, and 10-11 have been amended, where the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 has been incorporated into claim 3 which has been placed into independent form. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 2 have been addressed by the amendments herein, with a view to each rejection raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

By the forgoing amendments, claim 3 has been placed into independent form, where the limitations of claims 1 and 2 have been incorporated therein. Accordingly, amended claim 3 and the claims that depend therefrom should be allowable.

Set forth on page 10, paragraph 14 thru page 11 of the Office Action is the statement that:

Neuert discloses three sliding bodies which contact the tow (18,20,22) and are adjustable. Although one of the sliding bodies 22 is adjustable with respect to a tilt angle (see deflecting bar 28, Fig. 7) and another sliding body 18 is adjustable with respect to a penetration amount (see deflecting elements 24 in Fig. 4), *each* sliding body is not adjustable in both tilt angle and penetration amount, as recited in claim 3.



In view of the foregoing, independent claim 7 has also been amended to include the limitations of claims 8 and 9, whereby claim 7 has also been clarified so as to state that each sliding body is adjustable in both tilt angle and the amount of penetration into the apparatus. Since the Office action has indicated that the references of record fail to teach these limitations, it is Applicants belief that claim 7 is also patentable.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims remaining in this application are believed to be allowable. Early passage of this case to issue is therefore respectfully requested. However, if there are any questions regarding this Response, or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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